

**EQIP Evaluation Worksheet for Special Consideration Areas**  
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Resource / Concern / Evaluation	Basic Treatment Level	Points Awarded	Enhanced Treatment Level (must first qualify for basic level)	Points Awarded
<b>SOIL / Sheet, Rill, Gully or Streambank Erosion (Cropland or Streambank Stabilization) X 3 for Cropland</b>			<b>Quality of Stream</b>	
Total annual erosion in excess of T (tons/ac/yr)	Erosion will be reduced to T level and gullies stabilized. Points based on soil saved/yr.		Water Quality Standards (EV, HQ, CWF - DEP, Title 25, Chap. 93)	
>10	20 points		EV = 10 points	
9	16 points		HQ = 5 points	
8	12 points		CWF = 2 points	
7	10 points			
6	8 points			
5	2 points			
<4	0 points			
		total		total

<b>Water: Pollution from Cropland</b>				
Distance of problem to water source <sup>2</sup> .	Corrective Measures will be implemented			
0 < 50 ft.	10 points			
51 < 100 ft.	8 points			
101 < 150 ft.	6 points			
150 < 200 ft.	2 points			
> 250 ft	0 points			
		total		

<b>Water: Nutrient Management (Cropland)</b>				
Inadequate nutrient handling	Cropland farm importing manure, a nutrient mgt. plan will be developed and/or followed. Points based on Ac. to be treated.			
	> 150 ac. = 10 points			
	90-150 = 8 points			
	30-90 = 5 pointd			
	<30 = 2 points			

	Cropland farm without manure, will follow Agronomy Guide recommendations <sup>1</sup> . Points based on Ac. to be treated.			
	> 150 ac. = 10 points			
	90-150 = 8 points			
	30-90 = 5 pointd			
	<30 = 2 points			
	total			

WILDLIFE / Habitat Improvement (Cropland) Maximum of 25 points				
Little or no habitat for at-risk species <sup>4</sup>	Will establish one or more of the following practices:		4	
Less than 1 Ac (total) of 30 ft. Field Border on farm.	Field Borders (30 ft. wide minimum) Minimum 1 Ac = 5 pts.		After first acre 1 point per additional .25 Ac	
Less than 1 Ac (total) of undisturbed grass nesting area	Conservation Cover (327) Minimum 1 Ac = 5 pts.		After first acre 1 point per additional .25 Ac	
Stream segment present without three zone Riparian Forest Buffer	Three zone Riparian Forest Buffer <sup>3</sup> (55 ft. wide minimum)		Three zone Riparian Forest Buffer. <sup>5</sup> Points for each additional 10 ft.of width:	
	≥1000 ft. = 10 pts.		≥1000 ft. = 5 pts.	
	500-999 ft. = 8		500-999 ft. = 4	
	200-499 ft. = 4		200-499 ft. = 2	
	<200 = 0		<200 = 0	
Stream segment present without Riparian Herbaceous Cover Buffer	Riparian Herbaceous Cover Buffer (30 ft. wide minimum)		Riparian Herbaceous Cover Buffer. Points for each additional 10 ft.of width:	
	≥1000 ft. = 10pts.		≥1000 ft. = 5 pts.	
	500-999 ft. = 8		500-999 ft. = 4	
	200-499 ft. = 4		200-499 ft. = 2	
	<200 = 0		<200 =0	
Less than 2 Ac (total) of warm season grasses	Hay Planting with warm season grasses. Minimum 2 Ac = 5 pts.		After first 2 Ac 1 point per additional .5 Ac	
Forestland improvement needed to complement the system.	Will develop a Forest Stewardship Plan or Forest Management Plan. Minimum 1 Ac, = 5 points			
	total			

<b>HUMAN/Social (Cropland)</b>				
With the contract a RMS <sup>7</sup> plan (that includes wildlife concerns) will be implemented.	5 points			
Land under perpetual farmland preservation easement <sup>8</sup> .	5 points			
total				
<b>Worksheet Subtotal</b>				
<b>TOTAL</b>				

1 Agronomy Guide recommendations = A soil test is required to follow the table entitled "Fertilizer recommendations".

2 Water source = A stream (intermittent or permanent as indicated on a USGS 7.5 minute quad or in a published soil survey), lake, pond or other permanent water body, sinkhole, water well or permanent flowing spring that is downstream/dowslope from a pollution source.

3 Stream order = Based on solid blue lines on 7.5 min. quads or solid lines in a published soil survey. 1st order are the extreme headwater streams, 2nd order are streams formed by two 1st order streams.

4 Does not need to be threaten or endangered species. In PA the emphasis is on grassland habitat.

5 Three Zone Riparian Buffer = buffer comprising the two forest zones and the herbaceous cover zone described on PATG. Minimum of 55 feet.

6 Forest Management Plan = A plan developed by a Service Forester or forester on PA Bureau of Forestry consulting list.

7 RMS = Resource Management System; highest level of conservation treatment

8 Farmland Preservation Easement: Deed restriction on record at court house.